GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
A B S T R A C T

Higher Education – Fixation of fee structure for Engineering Programmes (B.Tech., Engineering programmes) offered by the Private Un-Aided Professional Higher Education Institutions (Engineering Colleges) in the State of Andhra Pradesh for Academic Year (AY) 2024-25 – Notification – Orders - Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (R.M) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.42. **Dated:29.07.2024.**

Read the following:-

1. G.O. Ms.No.17, Higher Education (R.M) Department, dated: 07.07.2024.
2. G.O.Ms.No.18, Higher Education (R.M) Department, dated: 10.07.2024.
3. G.O.Ms.No.21, Higher Education (R.M) Department, dated: 16.07.2024.
4. Hon'ble High Court orders dt:12.07.2024 in W.P.No.14755 of 2024.
5. G.O.Ms.No.23, Higher Education (R.M) Department, dated: 18.07.2024.
6. From the Member Secretary, APHERMC, Tadepalli. Lr.No.569/APHERMC/ADMN/2024, dt:09.07.2024.
7. Hon'ble High Court orders dt:22.07.2024 in W.P.No.15021 of 2024 filed by S.V.College of Engineering, Puttur
8. Hon'ble High Court orders dt:23.07.2024 in W.P.No.15678 of 2024 filed by Behara College of Engineering and Technology, Visakhapatnam.

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ORDER:-

In the G.Os. 1st, 2nd & 3rd read above, orders were issued notifying the tentative fee for B.Tech & B.Arch Engineering colleges for the AY 2024-25, duly fixing the minimum fee of Rs.40,000/- as proposed by the APHERMC in its 92nd Meeting on 19.07.2023, subject to outcome of Writ Appeals pending before the Hon'ble High Court.

2. In the G.O. 5th read above, orders were issued notifying the minimum tentative fee of Rs.43,000/- for B.Tech and B.Arch Engineering Programmes, offered by the Private Un-Aided Professional Higher Education Institutions (Engineering Colleges) in the state of Andhra Pradesh for Academic Year (AY) 2024-25 subject to outcome of Writ Appeals pending before the Hon'ble High Court, instead of Rs.40,000/- as already notified vide G.O. 1st & 2nd & 3rd read above.

3. In the meanwhile, the S.V.College of Engineering, Puttur and Behara College of Engineering and Technology, Visakhapatnam have filed W.P.No.15021 of 2024 & W.P.No.15678 of 2024, respectively in Hon'ble High Court of A.P., requesting to issue an appropriate writ more in the nature of Writ of Mandamus declaring the action of the 2nd Respondent Regulatory Commission in not determining the fee structure for the block period 2024-25 to 2025-26 for the various Undergraduate courses being offered by the Petitioner Institution despite the request made by the 6th Respondent university vide letter dated:09.07.2024 and having received the processing fee and thereby disabling the Petitioner institution to participate in the APEAPCET2024 counselling scheduled from 01-07-2024 as being arbitrary illegal and violative of Article 14 and 19 of the Constitution of India and violative of the Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Monitoring and Regulatory Commission Act and Rules Regulations framed therein and consequently direct the Respondents to permit the Petitioner institution to participate in APEAPCET 2024 counselling and issue such order.

4. In the ref.7th & 8th read above, the Hon'ble High court, while disposing the cases, in its orders dt:22.07.2024 & dt:23.07.2024 have issued orders in W.P.No.15021 of2024 & W.P. 15678 of 2024 respectively, as follows:

> "In view of the same, pending disposal of the writ petition, there shall be an interim direction to the 4th respondent to display the petitioner's college name in the web-counselling, subject to collecting minimum fee prescribed under G.O.Ms.No.17 dated 07.07.2024, by the petitioner-college.

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The learned counsel for the 4th respondents directed to convey the interim order to the 4th respondent.

Post the matter after two (02) weeks.

Meanwhile, respondents are directed to file counter, if any."

5. After careful examination of the matter and keeping in view of the directions of the Hon'ble Court in its order Dt.22.07.2024 in W.P.No.15021 of 2024 & order dt:23.07.2024 in W.P.No.15678 of 2024, Government have considered to fix the minimum tentative fee of Rs.43,000/- for B.Tech and B.Arch programmes offered by the above said private un-aided Engineering Colleges, as enhanced in the G.O.5th read above.

6. Accordingly, Government hereby issues the following Notification which shall be published in the Andhra Pradesh Extra-Ordinary Gazette:

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Section 7 of Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Act No.5 of 1983), the Government hereby notify the fee as mentioned in the Annexure appended to this order for fixation of fee structure for B.Tech., programme, offered by the Private Un-Aided Professional Higher Education Institutions (Engineering Colleges) in the state of Andhra Pradesh for Academic Year (AY) 2024-25, subject to outcome of Writ Appeals pending before the Hon'ble High Court and subject to following directions:

a. The fee is an all-inclusive annual fee, including like tuition fee, affiliation fee, cost of identity card, medical fee, inter college/inter university sports, games & cultural meet fee, computer/internet fee, College magazine and student activities, student health care scheme, student welfare fund, study tour, alumni fund, sports and games fee, examination fee including stationery, maintenance and amenities fee, extracurricular activities fee, development fee, Recognition fee, Common Services fee and other recurring expenditure;

b. The aforesaid fee determined for the Engineering programmes for the colleges mentioned in Annexure (B.Tech) Programme, does not include hostel, transport, mess charges, registration fee, admission fee and refundable deposits of library and laboratory fee.

c. The fee fixed is a tentative measure till the finalization of the fee by the Commission and subject to result of the Writ Appeals pending before the APHC.

d. The institutions whose affiliations are not extended by the affiliating Universities for the Academic Year (AY) 2024-25 are not entitled to collect any fee till the affiliation process is completed.

e. In the case of a new college/course, the fee structure shall be the least of the fee regulated for the institutions in the same programme or course for the AY 2024-25.

f. The institution shall not charge either directly or indirectly any other amount over and above the fee fixed in Annexure (B. Tech), Programmes or which may be modified based on the court directions in future, for 4 years for the students admitted during the AY 2024-25. If any other amount is charged under any other head or guise i.e., donations, etc. the same would amount to charging of capitation fee and in that case the institution shall be liable to be prosecuted under Section 9 of Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act, 1983 (Act No.5 of 1983) apart from imposing appropriate penalty under the APHERMC

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Act, 2019 and the APHERMC Rules, 2019 as amended subsequently from time to time;

g. The institutions are cautioned to maintain proper accounts following lawful practices (Accrual/Mercantile basis of Accounting) including processing payments and receipts through Banks and follow the Regulations as well as guidelines of the Commission in submitting data for evaluation and regulation of fee proposals henceforth. In default their respective fee proposals are liable to be rejected under Regulation 5 (B)(viii) of APHERMC Regulations and such instances shall not be forwarded to the Government for fixation of fee;

h. In case of any deviation from these directions, the Commission will initiate serious penal action as per the provisions of the Act and Rules made there under;

i. Under Section 12 (4) & (5) of A.P. Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission Act, 2019, the Commission has the power to review and determine the fee payable to the Higher Educational Institutions and review the fee determined, whether notified or not by the Government for any academic years/block periods;

j. The institutions are informed that the fixation of Fee structure by the Government will not by itself enable or permit the managements to run programmes, if the programmes are not recognized/permitted by the Government/All India Council for Technical Education/PCI/UGC/NCTE and concerned University/any other statutory Authority.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SAURABH GAUR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing & Stationery, Vijayawada (with a request to publish in the next Ex-ordinary Gazette and supply 300 copies immediately)
The Member Secretary (FAC), Andhra Pradesh Higher Education Regulatory and Monitoring Commission, Tadepalli, Guntur District
The Secretary, A.P. State Council for Higher Education, Mangalagiri
The Commissioner of Collegiate Education, A.P., Mangalagiri
The Commissioner of Technical Education, A.P., Mangalagiri
All Vice-Chancellors of Universities in the State under the administrative control of Higher Education Department
All the Collectors and District Magistrates in the State
All the Registrars of Universities in the State under the administrative control of Higher Education Department

Copy to:-
The P.S. to Prl. Secy to C.M., CMO.
The OSD to Minister (Human Resource Development)
The P.S. to Secy. to Govt., Higher Education Department
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ANNEXURE (B.Tech Fee) for G.O.Ms.No.42, Higher Education (RM) Dept., Dated:29.07.2024.

FEE STRUCTURE FOR B.Tech PROGRAMME OFFERED BY PRIVATE UN-AIDED PROFESSIONAL HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN A.P., FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25.				
Sno	**College Code**	**Society Code**	**College Name**	**Proposed fee per annum(in Rs.)**
1	SVEP	HERMC1421	S.V. COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING -PUTTUR-TPT	43000/-
2	BCET	HERMC1649	BEHARA COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY- NARAVA-VSP	43000/-

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